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1. A battery factory consisting of 14 workshops of approximately 20 x 15 meters and a three-story laboratory is situated approximately one km. north of the town center of Gomel.
2. The factory, which was badly damaged during the war, was then rebuilt on modern lines and took up production again in March 1947. Work is conducted in two shifts of 600 workers each.
3. Apart from a variety of dry batteries and storage batteries, this factory is supposed to produce special storage-battery installations for new Russian submarines, enabling them to travel submerged for a distance of 30,000 kms (sic). One set of such submarine storage-battery installations is produced per month.
4. Normal output of this factory is approximately four to five rail car loads of small batteries and storage batteries per shift.

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